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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-13,15-28,31 and 32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,7-13,17-25,27,28 and 31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5,6,15,16,26 and 32 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on December 1, 2005 where applicant elected Group I with traverse. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-28, 31 and 32 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant argues that the restriction requirement of 11/2/2005 is improper because it failed to provide evidence for the separate classification of identified Groups I and II.

In reply, Examiner agrees with the applicant and therefore withdraws the restriction requirement.

3. Applicant's arguments, filed 6/6/2005 in response to Non-Final Office Action mailed on 4/6/2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-3, 5-13, 15-28, 31 and 32 under 103(a) have been respectfully considered and are partially persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of DoubleVision in view of Muta (US Patent No 6,286,003).

4. In regards to claims 1,11,21, applicant argues that DoubleVision fails to teach the claims because DoubleVision teaches that permission is granted in advance and that the first user is not prompted.

In reply, the claims are broad and broadly interpreted. The claims are silent as to the time frame and the type of interface involved in prompting and granting permission. Therefore, it is broadly interpreted that a root user using DoubleVision grants permission to users via an access control list. The ".dvsc" file is a prompt for the root user to grant permission to a select

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number of authorized users, The time frame of when the prompting is performed is irrelevant in regards to the scope of the claims. The limitations are broad and can be broadly interpreted in this manner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-28, 31 and 32 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over (DoubleVision 3.0 by Tridia) in view of Muta (US Patent No 6,286,003).**

7. In reference to claims 1, 11 and 21, DoubleVision 3.0 teaches a method, machine readable medium and a corresponding system comprising:

prompting a first user at a UNIX-based machine for permission for a second user at a machine remotely-located from the UNIX-based machine to control the UNIX-based machine; and if the first user grants permission, enabling the second user to use the first machine through the machine remotely-located from the UNIX-based machine

(see <http://www.officesoft.com/utilities/doublevision.html>, DoubleVision software is a remote control software for UNIX systems, where a remotely located UNIX computer can directly control another UNIX computer through a network. Double vision provides secure access where the user machine that is being controlled grants permission to the remote machine that is seeking

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access. Prompting the user for permission is inherently part of the secure access of DoubleVision).

DoubleVision fails to explicitly teach replicating current contents of a screen on the UNIX-based machine onto a new screen running in a background of the UNIX-based machine. However, Muta teaches replicating current contents of a screen on the machine onto a new screen running in a background of the machine. (*see* Abstract, column 7 lines 10-67, column 10 line 30 – column 11 line 35, and Figures 8 & 19, Muta discloses rewriting a GUI screen on a slave server, where the slave server is remotely controlled by a master controller. The GUI screen is rewritten by a “window system” (Fig 8 #320) operating on the slave server, which is inherently running in the background. It is then output to the display).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify DoubleVision by replicating current contents of a screen on the UNIX-based machine onto a new screen running in a background of the UNIX-based machine as per the teachings of Muta for the purpose of remotely controlling a server by a master controller located remotely from the server.

8. In reference to claims 2,12 and 23, DoubleVision teaches the method, machine readable medium and corresponding system of claims 1,11 and 21 respectively, in which the prompting comprises making the prompt known to the first user by displaying information on a display of the UNIX-based machine (*see* <http://www.officesoft.com/utilities/doublevision.html>).

9. In reference to claims 3,13 and 22, DoubleVision teaches the method, machine readable medium and corresponding system of claims 1,11 and 21 respectively, in which the second user uses the UNIX-based machine through the machine remotely-located from the UNIX-based

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machine as if the second user was directly using the UNIX-based machine (see <http://www.officesoft.com/utilities/doublevision.html>).

10. In reference to claims 7 and 17, DoubleVision teaches the method and machine readable medium of claims 1 and 11 respectively, in which the using of the UNIX-based machine includes issuing text commands to the UNIX-based machine from the machine remotely-located from the UNIX-based machine (see <http://www.officesoft.com/utilities/doublevision.html>, DoubleVision is for UNIX character Terminals which are inherently text-based).

11. In reference to claims 8 and 18, DoubleVision teaches the method and machine readable medium of claims 1 and 11 respectively, further causing a machine to, if the first user does not grant permission, prevent the second user from using the UNIX-based machine through the machine remotely-located from the UNIX-based machine (see <http://www.officesoft.com/utilities/doublevision.html>, DoubleVision discloses preventing unauthorized remote controlling through a grant/deny feature).

12. In reference to claims 10 and 20, DoubleVision teaches the method and machine readable medium of claims 1 and 11 respectively, in which the prompting is text-based (see <http://www.officesoft.com/utilities/doublevision.html>, DoubleVision is for UNIX character Terminals which are inherently text-based).

13. In reference to claim 24, DoubleVision teaches the system of claim 21 in which the process is also configured to continuously run on the first device (see <http://www.officesoft.com/utilities/doublevision.html>, this is an inherent feature of the DoubleVision software).

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14. In reference to claims 25,27 and 31, DoubleVision teaches a method and a machine implemented method comprising:

Inserting a prompt on a new screen to a user of a UNIX-based device to grant permission for a remote device at a location remote from the UNIX-based device to control the UNIX-based device. (see <http://www.officesoft.com/utilities/doublevision.html>, DoubleVision software is a remote control software for UNIX systems, where a remotely located UNIX computer can directly control another UNIX computer through a network. Double vision provides secure access where the user machine that is being controlled grants permission to the remote machine that is seeking access. Prompting the user for permission is inherently part of the secure access of DoubleVision).

DoubleVision fails to explicitly teach replicating current contents of a screen visible to a user on a UNIX-based device onto a new screen not visible on the display screen to the user; replacing the current contents of the display screen with the new screen, the new screen visible to the user on the UNIX-based device. However, Muta teaches replicating current contents of a screen on the machine onto a new screen running in a background of the machine. (see Abstract, column 7 lines 10-67, column 10 line 30 – column 11 line 35, and Figures 8 & 19, Muta discloses rewriting a GUI screen on a slave server, where the slave server is remotely controlled by a master controller. The GUI screen is rewritten by a “window system” (Fig 8 #320) operating on the slave server, which is inherently running in the background. It is then output to the display).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify DoubleVision by replicating current contents of a screen on the UNIX-based machine onto a new screen

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running in a background of the UNIX-based machine as per the teachings of Muta for the purpose of remotely controlling a server by a master controller located remotely from the server.

15. In reference to claim 28, DoubleVision teaches the method of claim 27 further comprising determining if the second user may control the UNIX-based machine based on a response to the text prompt by the first user (see <http://www.officesoft.com/utilities/doublevision.html>).

16. Claims 9 and 19 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over (DoubleVision 3.0 by Tridia) in view of Muta (US Patent No 6,286,003) in further view of Edwards (US Patent No. 6,594,686).

DoubleVision teaches the method and machine readable medium of claims 1 and 11 respectively. DoubleVision does not explicitly teach if the first user at the UNIX-based machine does not respond to the prompting within a certain threshold time, enable by default the second user to use the UNIX-based. However, Edwards teaches software which takes default action if a user response is not received within a certain time (column 3 and column 8 lines 25-40).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify DoubleVision by making a default action occur if a user does not respond within a certain time as per the teachings of Edwards so that UNIX systems can be controlled remotely over a network/Internet if there is no user attending the UNIX system.

Allowable Subject Matter

17. After reconsidering the claims, applicants arguments, and the applied and cited references, the Examiner indicates the following allowable features of dependent claims if rewritten into all independent claims:

18. Claims 5,6 and 15,16 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claims 1 and 11 respectively), but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Examiner further conditions the allowability of the claims upon inclusion of limitations that mention switching back to the original “current content” after the first user responds to the prompt (as explained below).

19. Claims 26 and 32 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claims 25 and 31 respectively), but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

20. ***The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter for these claims:*** The dependent claims rewritten into the independent claims would distinctly characterize the invention as a UNIX device switching from a currently active console (or display) to a temporary virtual console and then back to the original “currently active console”. The virtual console is a replication of the current active console, it is running in the background (not visible to the user), and it contains a prompt for allowing a remote device to control the UNIX device. These combined features are not found in the prior art of record.

Conclusion

21. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US006448958B1, Muta teaches remote control of a server.

US006505245B1, North et al teaches managing devices from a remote console.

US006505238B1, Tran teaches remote login for remote access and control.

US006710790B1, Fagioli teaches remote interaction with a remote host.

US005805163A, Bagnas teaches a transparent window displayed in a background.

US005564002A, Brown teaches virtual desktops for organizing open applications.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramy M. Osman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4008.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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